

S.No.	Name of the Event
5.	National Hardware Show, Chicago (USA), August 11-14, 1996.
6.	The 5th Taipei International Fair, Taipei (Taiwan), September 4-9, 1996.
7.	Pret-A-Porter Fair, Paris (France), September 6-9, 1996.
8.	Semaine Du Cuir Fair, Paris (France), September 7-10, 1996.
9.	BNV - Budapest International Fair for Consumer Goods, Budapest (Hungary), September 20-29, 1996.
10.	Nairobi International Show, Nairobi (Kenya), September 30-October 5, 1996.
11.	IFMA, Cologne (Germany), October 2-6, 1996.
12.	Tehran International Fair, Tehran (Iran), October 2-9, 1996.
13.	Indian Exhibition, Almaty (Kazakhstan), October 8-13, 1996.
14.	SIAL Food Fair, Paris (France), October 20-24, 1996.
15.	Saudi Arabia's Intl. Trade Fair (Life Style'96), Jeddah (Saudi Arabia), October 20-25, 1996.
16.	SAITEX, Johannesburg (South Africa), October 22-26, 1996.
17.	Indian Exhibition, Sao Paulo (Brazil), November 6-10, 1996.
18.	Quang Trung International Fair, Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), November 24-30, 1996.
19.	Dakar Intl. Fair, Dakar (Senegal), Nov. 28-Dec. 9, 1996.
20.	Heimtextil, Frankfurt (Germany), January 8-11, 1997.
21.	Domotex, Hannover (Germany), January 11-14, 1997.
22.	10th International Food & Drink Exhibition, London (U.K.), February 9-13, 1997.

S.No.	Name of the Event
23.	Annual Spring Fair, Basel (Switzerland), Feb. 28-March 9, 1997.
24.	International Hardware Fair, Cologne, March 2-5, 1997.
25.	Expocomer International Fair, Panama City, March 5-10, 1997.
26.	"Made in India" Exhibition, Kathmandu (Nepal), March 15-21, 1997.
27.	TCF International '97 - The International Textile Clothing, Footwear & Fashion Accessory Exhibition, Melbourne (Australia), March 18-20, 1997.
28.	International Fashion Fabric Exhibition, New York (USA), March 20-22, 1997.
29.	Overseas Import Fair "Partners for Progress", Berlin (Germany), March 20-23, 1997.
30.	Kuwait International Fair, Kuwait City, March 26 - April 4, 1997.

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31.	22nd Osaka International Trade Fair, Osaka, Japan, April 24 - 29, 1996.
32.	West Japan Import Fair, Kitakyuchu, Japan, May 2-5, 1996.
33.	Interbika, Anaheim, USA, September 19-22, 1996.
34.	Automechanika, Frankfurt, Germany, September 10-15, 1996.
35.	BIG-I/APPA, Las Vegas, USA, November 5-8, 1996.
36.	Foodex, Tokyo, Japan, March 12-15, 1997.

**Rate Contracts Awarded to WDO/KVIC/ACASH**

4580. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reserved hand spun, hand-woven and all items of handloom textiles for the exclusive purchase from the Khadi and Village Industries Commission/Women Development Organisations by all Ministries/Departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the KVIC is able to supply the entire purchase of Ministries/Depts. for the above items;

(d) if not the extent thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Ministries/Depts. have now started placing their orders for purchase of the items to the Association of Corporations and Apex Societies of Handlooms (ACASH);

(f) if so, the extent to which the Govt. support is provided to them; and

(g) the number of rate contracts awarded to WDO/ACASH so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) All items of handspun and handwoven textiles are reserved for exclusive purchase from KVIC. All items of handloom textiles required by Central govt. Depts. are reserved for exclusive purchase from the notified handloom units through ACASH. Such of the textile items which are reserved for exclusive purchase from KVIC will be purchased from KVIC to the extent KVIC can supply before covering the demand on handloom units through ACASH. To the extent these units can make supplies, orders are placed on them. For the balance quantity, if any, purchases can be made from other sources. Barrack Blankets are to be procured from KVIC/WDO/ACASH.

Procurement guidelines for Barrack Blankets were issued on 18.10.95 according to which ACASH may take the responsibility of acting as the apex body for WDO. 1/3 of the order may be covered with KVIC and 2/3 with ACASH. Out of the 2/3 orders for ACASH, 50% will be met through WDO to the extent possible and demand not met by them as well as shortages from KVIC would be met by ACASH.

(b) Textile items reserved for exclusive purchase from KVIC are - (i) Dosuti; (ii) Pugri Cloth; (iii) Bunting Cloth; (iv) Dangri Cloth; (v) Sheeting Cloth; (vi) Bed Sheets; (vii) Dusters; (viii) Towels; (ix) Sarees; (x) Dhotis (un-bleached); (xi) Pillow Cases; (xii) Readymade Garments (shorts); (xiii) Blouses; and (xiv) Skirts etc. List of Handloom textile items are given in the attached statement.

(c) to (f). After decentralisation of purchase, various Ministries/Departments are free to make purchases on their own as per the policies enunciated above. No centralised information is being maintained for this. DGS & D have been concluding rate contracts with KVIC for some of the items reserved for them. At present, rate contract is for few items valid for the period 1.1.96 to 31.12.96. By and large KVIC have been meeting the requirements for items on rate contracts. DGS & D has not placed any order on ACASH for the items exclusively reserved for KVIC.

(g) WDO - NIL.

ACASH have been on rate contract for Durries for the period w.e.f. 20.2.89. Current RC is valid upto 30.9.96.

### STATEMENT

#### *List of Items Notified for Purchases from Handloom Sector*

Title	IS Specification
<i>Cotton-Handloom</i>	
Angavastram	7216-1974
Bandage Cloth	868-1969
Bed Durries	1557-1972
Bed Sheets	745-1975
Blankets, Grey or Coloured	746-1955
Bleeding Madras, Coomstate	1937-1961
Buckram Cloth	1102-1968
Bunting Cloth, Dyed	747-1982
Calico, Bleached or Dyed	1241-1958
Cambric, Bleached	1098-1957
Cellular Shirting, Handloom Cotton	1101-1981
Cloth for Plaster of Paris Bandages and Cut Bandages	6237-1971
Coating, Handloom Cotton	1243-1981
Colour Fastness of Handloom Cotton	6906-1982
Textiles, requirement	
Crope	1110-1978
Dhoties	718-1974
Dosutie, Grey, Scoured, Bleached or Dyed	756-1984
Dress Material, Bleached, Dyed, printed striped, or checked	1095-1967
Drills	1451-1979
Dungri Cloth	749-1978
Dusters	859-1978
Floor Durries	1450-1972
Gada Cloth	1094-1976
Gauzo, absorbent, non-sterilised handloom cotton	758-1975
Handkerchiefs	1989-1975

Title	IS Specification
Holland Cloth, unscoured	1096-1957
Honeycomb Towels and Towelling cloth	855-1979
Huckback Towels	856-1971
Jaconet Cloth, Grey, Dressed	861-1982
Light Sheeting, Grey	864-1956
Lining Cloth, Dyed	1099-1957
Lint, absorbent, bleached	757-1971
Long Cloth, Bleached or Dyed	1244-1958
Lungies	750-1971
Longcloth, Bleached or Dyed	1244-1958
Madras Check	1247-1958
Madras Handkerchiefs, Handloom Cotton	1093-1984
Malmal, Bleached	755-1984
Mazri-cloth (loomstate)	751-1984
Mix saris	8039-1976
MOOTUS, Striped or Checked	1814-1964
Mosquito Netting	1097-1979
Muslin, Bleached	752-1984
Nainsook, Bleached or Dyed	1240-1958
Napkins, Bleached, Striped, Checked or Dyed	857-1956
Poplin, Bleached or Dyed	1556-1960
Pugri Cloth, Bleached or Dyed	753-1983
Pysamma Cloth, Grey with Strips	1245-1958
Sanes	754-1974
School Uniform Fabric	8797-1978
Shirting	1242-1975

Title	IS Specification
Songe Cloth, Grey, Striped and Checked	860-1956
Table Cloth and Napkins, Handloom Cotton	858-1981
Ticking Cloth, Grey, Striped	862-1956
Turkish Towels and Towelling Cloth Handloom Cotton	854-1981
Twills	1579-1979
<i>Silk Handloom</i>	
Bushshirt Cloth, Loomstate	1686-1960
Dhoties, Loomstate	1583-1960
Kora (loomstate) Cloth	1687-1960
Shirting, Loomstate	1584-1960
<i>Wool - Handloom</i>	
Blanketing Cloth	895-1957
Blanket, Scarlet	2901-1964
Blankets, Natural Grey Brown	892-1980
Blankets, Ordinary, Plain or Check	893-1957
Blankets Shoddy (Double Faced)	2157-1962
Blankets, Shoddy (Single Faced)	2481-1963
Blankets, Brick Red	894-1980
Bunting Cloth, Worsted, Heavy	889-1957
Bunting Cloth, Worsted, Light	890-1957
Cloth, Collar, White	2715-1964
KAMBLES, Loomstate	896-1957
Lohis Worsted	1268-1958
Melton (Shoddy) Cloth	2173-1962
Serge	1266-1953
Shirting, Worsted	891-1957
Pile Fabric	2417-1964

*The Following Items Shall be Procured on the Basis of Samples Approved by Purchaser/Mutually Agreed Specifications*

1. Khes
2. Bed Covers
3. Counter Pane
4. Furnishing
5. Chaddar
6. Durrets/Jamakkalam
7. Bashta Cloth
8. Lowreed Pick Cloth
9. Silk Sarees
10. Shawls, Mufflers, Pankhis
11. Woollen Tweed

#### **Change in Status of India Reconstruction Bank of India**

4581. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert Indian Reconstruction Bank of India into a limited company; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). As announced in the Finance Minister's speech on the Budget for 1996-97, Government propose to transform the Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI) into a full fledged all purpose development finance institution.

#### **Collection of Duties from Tea Gardens in Assam**

4582. DR. PRABIN CHANDRASARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of revenue collected as duties from the tea gardens of Assam by the Union Government during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government have undertaken development/welfare works for these tea gardens;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) As per the estimates available with Tea Board, revenue collected by the Central Government from tea gardens in Assam as cess on production of tea during past 3 years has been as follows:-

Year	(Rs. lakhs) Cess collected
1993	614
1994	598
1995	597

(b) to (d). Tea Board has been operating a number of developmental schemes. Under these schemes financial assistance by way of long term loan, capital subsidy, interest subsidy on bank loans, and grants-in-aid are provided for developmental activities like extension planting, new planting, replanting, rejuvenation, pruning and infilling, irrigation and drainage, modernisation of tea factories etc. Funds for these activities are met by the Tea Board out of the sanctioned plan budget. Tea Board also implements labour welfare schemes in the State which inter-alia include providing grant to the wards of the tea garden workers for pursuing studies above the primary level and also providing financial assistance to educational institutions, hospitals etc. for construction of health centres, extension of educational and vocational training and specialised treatment facilities for the benefit of the tea garden workers and their families.

#### **Postings of Vocational Course Employees in G.I.C.**

4583. DR. ARVIND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vocational course employees of GIC absorbed during 1996 in each of the four subsidiaries of the corporation;

(b) the number of postings made by each of the four companies of the GIC, Station-wise; and

(c) the policy of the Government in regard to postings of such candidates?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Foreign Investment ceiling**

4584. DR. M.P. JAISWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the investment ceiling on Foreign Institutional investors; and